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SUBJECT:AGENDA FOR US-SAUDI SECURITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

1. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDA TO BE SUBMITTED TO SAG AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS BY SECURITY COMMISSION.

2. QUOTE:

I. REGIONAL SECURITY MATTERS: GENERAL REVIEW. (A CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION OF BROAD STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WILL PUT REGIONAL MATTERS INTO A GLOBAL CONTEXT). ASSESSMENTS OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY SITUATION. THE US SIDE WILL GIVE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY SITUATION AND THE SAUDI SIDE WILL GIVE THEIRS. THE ASSESSMENTS SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION AND BEYOND IT.

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(B) THE THREAT TO SAUDI ARABIA FROM IRAQ AND PDRY.

(C) THE POLITICAL STABILITY OF SAUDI ARABIA'S ARAB
NEIGH ORS ON THE GULF. -

(D) E;ROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION AS RELATED TO THE
REGIO,AL SECURITY SITUATION. (AFTER THE ASSESSMENTS HAVE
BEEN COMPLETED DISCUSSION WILL PROCEED AS NEEDED ON THE
POINTS COVERED. FOLLOWING THE GENERAL REVIEW, THE COMMIS-
SION MEMBERS WILL PROCEED TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS
WHICH FOLLOW UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF OMAN, YAR, PDRY,
HORN OF AFRICA AND IRAN.)

II. OMAN. (A) SAUDI RELATIONS WITH OMAN. (B) US RELATIONS
WITH OMAN.

III. YAR. (A) THE SECURITY NEEDS OF THE YAR. (B) THE ROLE
OF SAUDI ARABIA IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE YAR.
(C) THE ROLE OF JORDAN AND IRAN IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO
THE YAR. (D) THE ROLE OF THE US IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO
THE YAR.

IV. PDRY. (A) SAUDI POLICY TOWARD THE PDRY. (B) US POLICY
TOWARD THE PDRY.

V. THE HORN OF AFRICA. (A) SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE HORN
OF AFRICA. THE US SIDE WILL GIVE ITS ASSESSMENT OF 1) THE
POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE HORN GENERALLY AND PROSPECTS
FOR A MODERATE REGIME IN ETHIOPIA. THE SAUDI SIDE WILL
GIVE ITS ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE HORN OF
AFRICA. (B) ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT PROSPECTS FOR A
MODERATE REGIME IN ETHIOPIA ARE SUFFICIENTLY GOOD WAYS IN
WHICH SAUDI ARABIA CAN ASSIST ETHIOPIA. (C) WAYS TO REDUCE
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SOMALIA.

VI. IRAN. (A) SAUDI RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND THE ROLE
WHICH SAUDI ARABIA FORESEES FOR IRAN IN THE SECURITY OF
THE GULF.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS OF DOD SURVEY OF SAUDI ARMED FORCES.
(A) QUESTIONS RE SURVEYS WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY
COMMISSION MEMBERS AS A RESULT OF MEETINGS (30 OCT -
6 NOV) BY SAUDI-US SPECIALIST GROUPS.

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VIII. ON-GOING DOD PROGRAMS IN SAUDI ARABIA. (A) ANY
QUESTIONS UNDER THIS GENERAL HEADING WHICH THE SAUDI-US
SPECIALIST GROUPS MAY REFER TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS.
END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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